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Route 237/Interstate 880 Interchange Project

Overview

This project includes two elements:

- Direct high-occupancy vehicle (HOV, or carpool) connectors from southbound Interstate 880 (I-880) to westbound Route 237 and from eastbound Route 237 to northbound I-880
- “Braided” ramp to separate traffic that is exiting from southbound I-880 to Tasman Drive/ Great Mall Parkway from traffic that is entering southbound I-880 from Route 237.

Objective

To reduce traffic congestion as well as improve interchange access and safety.

Project Features

HOV direct connectors are relatively new to the Bay Area. Current HOV configurations on most freeways require that “high occupancy vehicles,” (those cars with at least two occupants, shuttles and buses), cross other traffic lanes to exit the freeway and then merge across multiple lanes to the HOV lane on another freeway. In contrast, HOV direct connectors are structures that provide uninterrupted HOV access between freeways.

“Braided” ramps are structures designed to separate traffic using the same stretch of road for competing purposes, such as entering and exiting a freeway. These ramps separate traffic that is exiting from southbound I-880 to Tasman Drive/Great Mall Parkway from traffic that is entering southbound I-880 from Route 237.

Operations

Caltrans operates and maintains the new highway interchange.

The use of HOV lanes is restricted during commute hours (commonly weekdays between 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to vehicles carrying two or more occupants.

Capital Cost/ Project Funding

\$51.2 million: \$27 million from the 1996 Measure B local sales tax funding and \$24.3 million in State funds.

Project Schedule

Construction started: November 2002

Project completed: April 2005

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Measure B
Transportation Improvement Program
County of Santa Clara

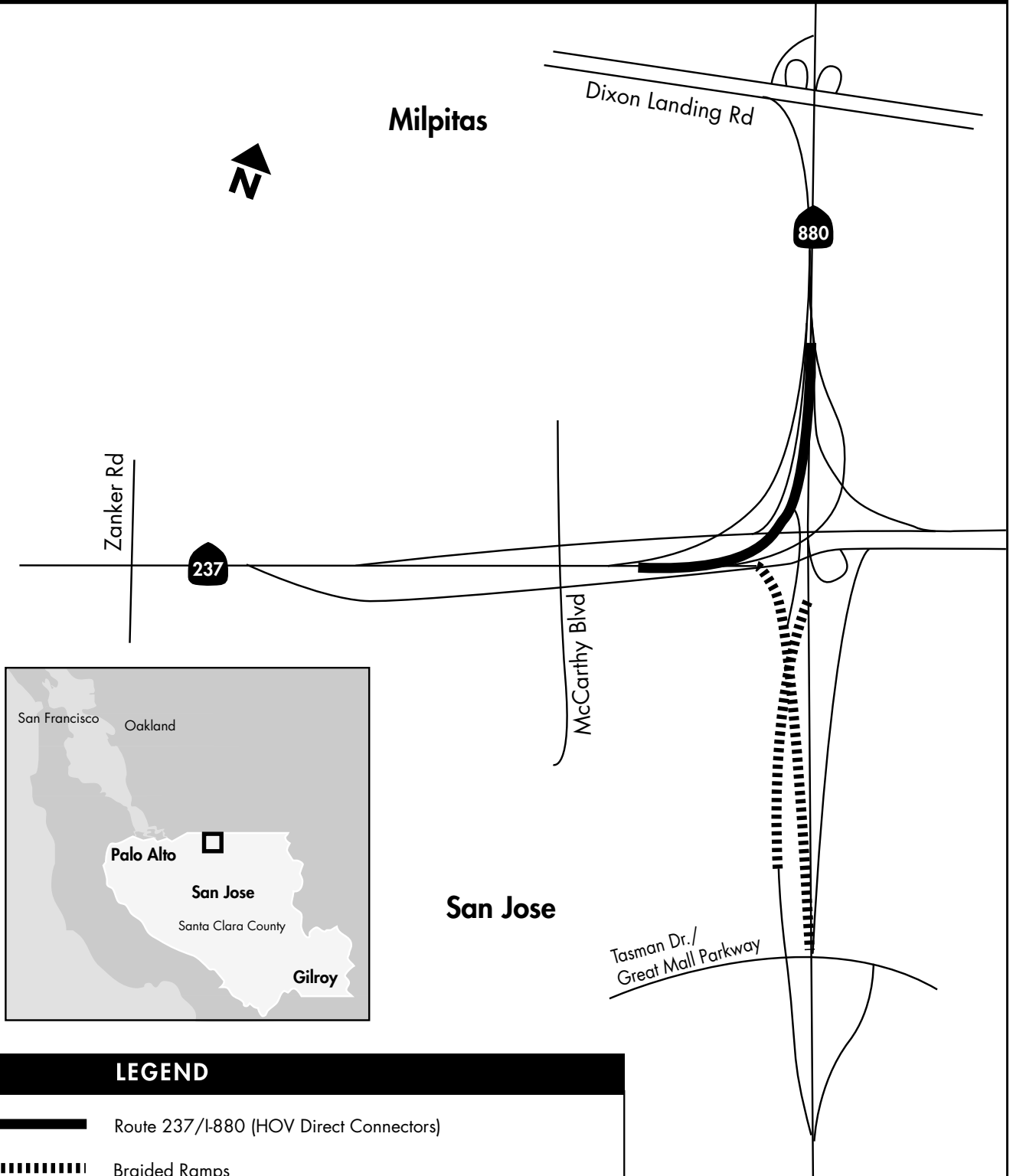


How to Reach Us

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